

Circle of Grace

Children's Rules and Guidelines for Social Media

Circle of Grace is a faith-based safety curriculum used by your arch/diocese. Today your child learned about how social media affects their Circle of Grace. Please review these rules and guidelines and activity sheet signed and returned to class.

Children's Rules and Guidelines for Social Media

- Never give out personal information such as your address, telephone number, parents' names and phone numbers, or where you go to school or grade level.
- Never assume someone is who they say they are. They are not "friends" if you have never met them in person.
- Treat everyone that you encounter online as a stranger, using the same rules for dealing with strangers online as you would for strangers you see on the street.
- Never agree to meet someone that introduced themselves on the internet without a parent's or trusted adult's approval.
- Never send a picture or anything else to someone who requests it.
- Tell a trusted adult if someone sends you a picture or message that makes you uncomfortable or you know your parents would not approve.
- If you come across information on the internet that makes you feel uncomfortable, tell a trusted adult immediately.
- Never respond to any messages or send any messages that are mean, threatening, or make anyone feel uncomfortable. Go tell a trusted adult immediately.
- Follow the rules established by your parents for computer, phone and internet usage.
- Never download or install software or do anything that could jeopardize a family's privacy. If you do this accidentally, go tell a trusted adult immediately.
- Other than your parents, do not share your internet password with anyone and change it regularly.

You are unsure or feel unsafe while viewing something or interacting with someone while using the computer or other technical device (ie: phone, tablet, gaming system etc) and you know your parents would not approve.

Action Plan: _____

You are unsure or feel unsafe when you are asked by someone to view something on the computer/technical device (ie: phone, tablet, gaming system etc). It makes you uncomfortable and you know your parents would not approve.

Action Plan: _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Circle of Grace
Parent Letter and Activity
Social Media and our Circle of Grace
Grade 4 Lesson

Dear Parent,

Circle of Grace is a faith-based safety curriculum used by your arch/diocese.

We presented the *Circle of Grace* Lesson “Social Media and our Circle of Grace, What is the Big Deal Anyway?” to your child. The goal of the lesson was to help the children recognize that all forms of media influence our *Circle of Grace* and how it helps or hinders living our faith to its fullest.

Please discuss the attached *Children’s Rules and Guidelines for Social Media* and *How Social Media Smart are You?* activity sheets with your child. Please sign and return to the teacher. We have also included a copy of “The Summary of the Key Concepts of Circle of Grace” for your review.

We encourage you to pick a form of media (TV show, Movie, News from a Social Media App, Video Game, etc.) to review with your child. Discuss how what they see, hear, or read can influence their *Circle of Grace*.

Thank you for allowing us to be a partner in providing a safe environment for your child.